



EXHIBIT A
DETAILED AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS PENDING UPON ENTRY OF THE
PRESENT AMENDMENT

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30. (Amended) A method for testing or optimizing one or more properties of a formulation of an active-component, comprising:

- (a) preparing an array of formulation samples, each sample comprising the active component and at least one additional component, wherein each sample differs from any other sample with respect to at least one of:
 - (i) the identity of the additional component,
 - (ii) the ratio of the active component to the additional component, or
 - (iii) the physical state of the active component;
- (b) testing each sample for at least one property to generate a property-result for each sample; and
- (c) comparing the property-result generated for each sample to a baseline or a control for said property to generate a comparison result for the sample.

33. (Amended) The method of claim 30[, wherein testing each sample for the property and comparing the property result to a base line or a control generates] further comprising generating a data set from the samples.